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Tours of the hon. the Minister for Development.

* 345 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the tours the hon. Minister undertook since the beginning of this year, the places which he visited and the nature of the official work which he did in those places;

(b) whether he did any party or propaganda work during those tours; and

(c) if so, whether he paid for those parts of the tours from his own pocket, and if not, why not?

A.—(a) North Arcot, Tanjore, Ramnad, Coimbatore, Tinnevelly, South Arcot, Kurnool and Trichinopoly districts.
Inspections, interviews, addresses and attendance at conferences in connexion with the departments of Government, particularly those in his charge.

(b) & (c) No.

Education

Staff and expenditure on the Widows' Hostel in Triplicane.

* 346 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what amount the Government spend on the Widows' Hostel in Triplicane;

(b) who manages the hostel;

(c) how many members form the establishment;

(d) whether they are all paid by Government; and

(e) what their salaries are?

A.—(a) & (c) to (e) The information desired is not available. It will be called for.

(b) The Ice House Hostel (formerly known as the Widows' Home) is under Government management.

Alleged infirmity of the Matron of the Widows' Hostel in Triplicane.

* 347 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that all the Brahman members of the establishment of the Widows' Hostel in Triplicane are relatives of the Superintendent;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Matron suffers from an incurable disease, gout in both her legs and can hardly walk, and if so, why she is allowed to continue in service; and

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(c) whether the Government have taken medical opinion on the question whether the continuance of such a person as Matron is in the interests of the health of the students and, if so, what that opinion is?

A.—The Government will call for a report.

Number of residents in the Widows' Hostel in Triplicane.

*348 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total number of residents in the Widows' Hostel in Triplicane;

(b) how many are Brahmans, Non-Brahmans and Adi-Dravidas;

(c) whether it is a fact that the hostel was first opened only for Brahmans;

(d) if so, when it was thrown open to members of other communities;

(e) whether it is a fact that though it is open to Non-Brahmans, Non-Brahmans are often denied admission and whether there have also been complaints that Non-Brahmans when admitted are treated badly;

(f) if the Government have no information, whether they will be pleased to call for a report on this matter;

(g) how long the present Superintendent has been in charge of this hostel and how many Brahman and Non-Brahman students have been residents during these years; and

(h) whether the Government will consider the desirability of appointing a Non-Brahman lady of enlightened views as Superintendent of this Hostel?

A.—(a) *to* (g) The information is not available but will be called for.

(h) The suggestion will be considered.

Opening of the Sarada Ladies' Home, Triplicane.

*349 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent of the Ice House Hostel has opened privately a similar hostel in Triplicane called the Sarada Ladies' Home;

(b) if so, whether she obtained the permission of the Government to do so;

(c) whether the Government gives her a grant or proposes to give one to run the institution;

(d) if the answer is in the affirmative, how much the grant is;

(e) whether there is a necessity to have this Home, and, if so, the reasons for the proposal to close the Ice House Hostel; and

(f) whether the Government are aware that the Sarada Ladies' Home is run entirely by the members of the family of the Superintendent of the Ice House Hostel?